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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication in MM Docket No. 00-39 (Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television); PP Docket No. 00-67 (Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment); and CS Docket No. 97-80 (Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 4, 2002, Lawrence R. Sidman of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, and David Arland of Thomson Multimedia ("Thomson"), met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and her Senior Legal Advisor Brian Tramont; and Kenneth Ferree, Deborah Klein and William Johnson of the Media Bureau to discuss the need for the Commission to act decisively to ensure "plug and play" cable-DTV compatibility.

The specific topics addressed in the discussion are reflected in the attached presentation (which represents an updated version of information provided to Commission's Media Bureau staff in August 2002, and which was distributed at the meetings). Thomson also discussed the Commission's implementation of its DTV tuner/decoder mandate, as adopted on August 8, 2002.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Lawrence R. Sidman

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Attachment

cc (without attachment): Brian Tramont  
Stacy Robinson  
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William Johnson